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# Newsletter

## Number 30 3 November 2017



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### Thanks

... to those parents who supported our senior debating team this week (and Mr D)

### People of the week

... Our year 7 and 8 debating teams. Stunning results. Details to follow next week.

... Our Central Calf Club participants

### Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

7 November	Zone Athletics at Poroti School
16 November	ESOL trip to the Adventure Forest (Interschool)
21 November	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
22 November	Year 7 and 8 Junior Volleyball Tournament
22 November	Year 5 and 6 Speech Finals
27 November	Year 3 Outdoor Education Day - Adventure Forest
28 November	Year 1-3 trip to Mair Park
30 November	Year 4-6 Interschool Athletics
1 December	Tech Quest
6 December	School Team Athletics Day (pp7.12)
8 December	Final Year 7 and 8 Tech Day for 2017
11 December	School prize Giving
12 December	End of year Reports issued
13 December	Year 7 and 8 Fun Day
14 December	Final day of the 2017 school year (mid-day finish)

**First day of 2018 school year** ... .. Wednesday 31 January

### Final Virtue for 2017

With last week's newsletter you received support material for the Courtesy Virtue. Please take the time to ...

... read over this with your children

... talk about how you practice in your own life

... help your child set some courtesy goals.

Let us know of good examples to share of how you have noticed courtesy.

## After School Care 2018

If you think you would use an After School Care (OSCAR approved) programme next year, starting term 1, 3:00 - 5:30, school hall, Monday to Friday, homework support, afternoon tea, arts and crafts etc. Cost \$6 per child per hour, additional siblings \$3 per child per hour ...

... please contact Kim 021 066 3806 to enrol or for more information.

**Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...**

... Home Gardens                      ... Return of Matarau T-Shirts  
... OOO placements 2018            ... Learning Support placements  
... sunhats / drink bottles           ... Headlice checks  
... international student needing homestay 2018

**After School Swimming Lessons**

Next year swimming lessons will be held in the school pool after school on specified days. Lessons will be taken by a qualified instructor, groups will be kept small. We expect demand to be high and placements will be on a first in basis. More details will follow next week, but maybe give this some thought.

**Parents of year 6 students**

In earlier years, and in response to parent requests, we have sent pubertal change booklets home with our year 6 students in the final term of their year 6 year. We have a reasonable stock of these excellent booklets and are in a position to do this again this year. **If you DO NOT want your child to bring one of these booklets home next week, could you please advise Mr Schuster no later than this coming Monday.** We invite parents to discuss this material with their child in a way appropriate to each situation. We have some staff who are quite experienced in presenting this material and in answering related questions and so please contact Mr Schuster if you would like support and he will arrange this.

**School Cups**

2017 prizegiving is coming fast. If you have school cups at home please get these to school at your earliest convenience. Thank you

**Term Contributions / Activity Fee Letters**

Some to go home Monday. Please contact Helen in the office with any questions.

**School Hats**

Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named. Hats are available for purchase from the school office for \$9 each, in a range of sizes. There is a limited supply of second hand hats for \$3 each, but most of these are only small sizes.

**The school gate nearest the office**

... still out of commission during morning tea and lunchtime until further notice. We apologise for the inconvenience and request that parents use the other gates if doing business at school during morning or lunch break. We are moving as quickly as we can to solve this problem.

**Calendar Art orders**

Sent off today. We should have art back to us in 2 to 4 weeks

**International Schools Competitions**

We have received result sheets and certificates and will get copies to parents next week.

**Zone Athletics - Poroti School - Years 4 to 8**

As advised our zone athletics will be held at Poroti School next Tuesday - 7 November. This is an all-day event. As well as an opportunity for our children to improve their athletics skills, this is an opportunity for them to connect with children from other schools. The top placed qualifiers also earn spots in the Whangarei Athletics Championships.

It is our intention to travel by bus, but we recognize that some parents will want to transport their own children. **The cost of the bus will be met from the activity fee (EOTC) paid earlier in the year.**

**Please note that there will not be regular classes on this day for year 4 to 8 students.**

Children are asked to bring school sunhats, something warm, lunch, plenty to drink and sunblock and spending money at your discretion. Please also ensure that children wear their Matarau T-Shirts (can be bought from the office for \$30).



### **Art Scholarship**

Due date for these Monday 20 November. Question to your child's teacher please.

### **Hockey Shirts**

To all Hockey Coaches & Parents - Thank you to the parents who have returned shirts this week. Much appreciated. There are still some shirts outstanding & if they are not returned early next week you will receive an invoice for the replacement cost. Thank you.

### **Home Gardens - Reminders**

- Consent for judging was sent home on Thursday. Please see Mrs Burgin if you did not receive a form.
  - Diaries are due in Friday 24 November at the latest.
  - Judging will be on Saturday 2 December
  - A reminder that there will be a seedling swap next Thursday (9 November). You are welcome to bring them to Room 3 at any time during the week for safe keeping.
  - Please email Miss Gentil with any photos of your garden that you are happy to share on our gardening blog. Please remind children to update their diaries regularly and to take photos of their progress.
- As you start to harvest produce, remember to take photos so that they judges can see what you have been growing.

Rachael Burgin, Simone Gentil, Jayde Jongkind

### **Pathways for year 6 students entering our year 7 and 8 programme next year**

Parents of year 6 children who would like to contribute to pathway decisions for their child are reminded that Mrs Donaldson is scheduling appointments for 9 and 10 November, each appointment is around 20 minutes duration. If you would like the opportunity to have input to placement decisions please email Mrs Donaldson on ... [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz)

Just to recap, the primary pathways are as follows

- ... Full Cambridge Maths and English
- ... Full Cambridge Maths, hybrid English
- ... Full Cambridge English, hybrid Maths
- ... Hybrid Maths and English
- ... Alternatives matched to preferred intelligence / learning style

Mrs Donaldson is available at other times by appointment. If we do not hear from parents we will assume your support to make these placement / pathway decisions ourselves.

### **Finally**

Staff are committed to professional development and recognise this as an integral part of serving our students (and parents) well. I advised of some forthcoming professional development taking place in the middle of the forthcoming Christmas break and, by the next morning, had 11 staff registrations. I thought it was worth sharing this, we do have an extraordinary staff and their commitment to being the best they can be is appreciated.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trewhella  
PRINCIPAL

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children, please support them



## Community Notices

**House wanted to Rent** - Family looking for 3+ bdrm home in Matarau area.

Ideally with 2 living areas / granny flat type set up. Long term.

Trish 021 843 100 or [trish\\_reumah@hotmail.com](mailto:trish_reumah@hotmail.com)

**Kamo Swimming Club** – 2017/18 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. High School students welcome - good opportunity to come & swim lengths and get stroke improvement tips and fitness in a relaxed

**SPCA Jog for Dogs** – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Hatea Loop, 10am registration, 11am start. 12.30pm raffle drawn. \$15 per person entry, \$40 family (2 adults, 3 chldn). Spot prizes, Multi-draw raffle. All proceeds go directly to the SPCA Whangarei. [www.jog4dogs.co.nz](http://www.jog4dogs.co.nz) to register.

**Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving** - Junior Surf programme for 4-13 year olds. Starts Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Ruakaka Surf Club. More info visit [www.ruakakalifeguards.co.nz/junior-surf](http://www.ruakakalifeguards.co.nz/junior-surf) or contact Jeni on 021 134 0889 or Jaime 021 874 472.

**Holiday Surf Programmes** - at Tutukaka & Taupo Bay the summer holidays. Our programmes are designed to give children/young adults the confidence to be active and have fun at the beach through the enjoyment of learning how to surf. This is free for children/young adults aged between 11-17 years through BreakAway funding. Monday-Friday - 18-22 Dec; 1-5 Jan; 8-12 Jan; 15-19 Jan. Limited spaces - Please email to book [surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz) [www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](http://www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz)

**Dyslexia PLUS** invites parents to an information evening on Dyspraxia - Presented by Dr Yvette Ahmad, Psychologist, Whangarei 7-9pm. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish Hall Cost: \$10 per family on arrival. Children welcome at parents' discretion. RSVP by 16 November for catering and handout numbers - Email to [admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz](mailto:admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz)

**North Haven Hospice fundraiser** - The house tour event is on this November and we would like to invite your staff and parents to the event. Attached is the poster to email to the concerned people and perhaps place on your notice board and add to newsletter attachments. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Tickets can be purchased at Eventfinda or through the website [girlsclub.org.nz](http://girlsclub.org.nz)

**Local Hairstylist** – Colouring, Foils, Cutting, Curling, Up Do's, Appointments only. Attwood Road. Phone Renae Attwood, 022 582 9179

**Firewords Spectacular** – Toll Stadium, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Gates open 6pm. Tickets Cash or Eftpos only .. \$5 school age children, \$10 Adult, \$25 Family (2 adult/2 chldn or 1 adult/3 chldn).

### **Matarau School Lunches**

**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday afternoon at the latest at the office, to receive Friday.*

